

St Peter's Bulletin for Sunday 29th March 2020 - The 5th Sunday in Lent - Year A

Following the Government's announcement on 23rd March strengthening restrictions in an attempt to combat the spread of COVID-19, Catholic **Churches are closed to the public at this time.**

Cardinal Vincent Nichols stresses that we must all play our part to safeguard the NHS and to save 'precious lives'. "We're going to play our full part in it. That was the call of St. Paul that we ought to be good citizens and today we ought to be good citizens playing our part in the protection of the vulnerable, in our support for the NHS and in the preserving of human life, which is so precious to God in the face of this virus."

Until further notice, Mass will continue to be celebrated by Fr David in private.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Don O'Toole who died recently. Don was a former head of St Peter's School.

Sunday 29 th (Sat Vigil)	The Parish
Wednesday 1 st	Phylis Dunn
Thursday 2 nd	Frances Courtney RIP
Saturday 4 th	Alan Scourfield RIP
Palm Sunday 5 th (Sat Vigil)	The Parish

Confessions are not currently available except for those who are seriously ill.

How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift throughout the day prior to making your act of contrition: "My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins".

1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of a crucifix and say to yourself: "Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins".
2. Contrition is 'perfect' if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to His sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.
3. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focused on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus: "O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen".
4. Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as practically possible.

There are no regular Holy Communion visits until further notice. Visits to the sick will be made only on request when someone is seriously ill.

How to make a Spiritual Communion

Desire, with earnest longing, to receive our Lord present — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — in the Blessed Sacrament. Say this prayer of St. Alphonsus de' Ligouri:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen".

Live-Streaming & Recorded Masses: For Holy Family, Freckleton & Warton follow:

<https://www.facebook.com/StAnneandHolyfamily/>

For Our Lady of the Assumption, Blackpool: <https://www.olablackpool.org/> (Recorded)

For Our Lady Star of the Sea & St Michael, Workington follow: <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/christ-the-good-shepherd>

Our Lady of Furness, Barrow: <https://camsecure.co/httpswebcam/owenbayliss/owenbayliss5.html>

Re-Dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary: This will be made this Sunday 29th March

For more details go to: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/rededication/>

GIFT AID -

If you pay Income Tax, Gift Aid is a painless way of helping the Parish at no extra cost to yourself. In respect of the Income Tax year 2018/19, the Parish received a tax refund of **£9804.43**, so you can see what a big help this is to us and forms a very significant element of the Parish's annual income. Sadly, as many of our older parishioners are called to their heavenly reward, the number of people signed up for Gift Aid is falling quite significantly. In the 2019/20 Income Tax year the amount contributed in Offertory Envelopes and via Standing Orders will be roughly £3000 lower than in the previous year. As we approach a new Tax year on 6th April 2020, and we have a new supply of Offertory Envelopes available, it is the ideal time to 'sign up for Gift Aid'. Please have a word with Deacon Michael if you are able to help your Parish in this way. Thank you.

A further suggestion re live stream Masses that are still being said on a daily basis: website lourdesleigh.org

'Thank you' message from Christina McHugh: *"I would like to thank those caring parishioners who looked after me on the Sunday when I became unwell during Mass. I am fully recovered and would like to reassure you all that it wasn't Coronavirus! Grateful thanks. Christina.*

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Please continue to pray for: Joan Keefe, Frank Loftus, Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Margaret Baldwin, Jean Bolton, Graham Bentley, Mgr Jim Hook, Fred & Mary Wylie, Bobby Kelly, Ruth Whiteside, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, Rose Moss, John Lavelle, Mattie Simpson, Margaret Fearn, Joan Woodcock, Iain Fair, Don O'Toole, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & the Convents. *May God give them His healing grace.*

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Hilda Taylor, Jack Cross, Jennie Gillett, William Hothersall, Sister Larentius, Elizabeth Thistleton, Mary Bradley, Nora Walmsley, Fr John Gornall, George Walmsley, Thomas Gillett, Edna Ashton, Sarah Mitchell, Peter Williamson, Mary Pomfret, Margaret Lee, John Harrison, Rev. J. McElroy.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

This week's Memorials:

Thursday: St Francis of Paola, Saturday: St Isidore.

Reminders:

Friday: 1st Friday (No Mass at Saltcotes) Prayer is for the Survivors of Sexual Abuse.

Sunday 5th April: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508 & Rev William Riley (Retired)